

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended): An optical receptacle comprising:  
a fiber stub ~~having a ferrule and an optical fiber in a through hole of the ferrule;~~  
a holder ~~directly fixing to which an rear end of the fiber stub is fixed;~~ and  
a sleeve ~~into which the fiber stub is inserted, having a thicker portion directly holding for holding a plug ferrule connectable with a front face of the fiber stub, the sleeve being holding a front end of the fiber stub;~~  
wherein the sleeve ~~thicker portion has an outer surface of the thicker portion not connecting with the holder integrally formed at an end of the sleeve, and the fiber stub is inserted on the side of the thicker portion.~~
5. (Original): The optical receptacle according to claim 4, wherein a length of the thicker portion of the sleeve is shorter than an insertion length of the fiber stub.
6. (Original): The optical receptacle according to claim 4, wherein the thicker portion is 1.5 to 2.5 times as thick as the other portion.

7. (Original): The optical receptacle according to claim 6, wherein the thicker portion has an inner diameter equal to that of the other portion and an outer diameter larger than that of the other portion.

8. (Original): The optical receptacle according to claim 4, wherein chamfer of a corner around a front end of the fiber stub is 0.1 mm or below.

9. (Currently Amended): An optical receptacle comprising:  
a ceramic precision sleeve for holding a plug ferrule,  
wherein a metal holder is provided at a rear end of the precision sleeve, and a metal flange which is electrically insulated from the metal holder is provided on an outer face of the precision sleeve separately from the metal holder.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original): The optical receptacle according to claim 9, wherein a stub, which includes a ceramic ferrule of the same material as the precision sleeve and an optical fiber being inserted and held in the ferrule, is pressed and fixed into the precision sleeve.

14. (Canceled)